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SUBJ: BELAUNDE, HIS PARTY AND CIVIL DISTURBANCES

REF: LIMA 7179 (NOTA)

1. WEEKEND LIMA PRESS REPORTED FORMER PRESIDENT FERNANDO BELAUNDE'S FRUSTRATED EFFORTS TO ENTER PERU FROM ECUADOR. ACCORDING TO AUG 31 GOVERNMENT CONTROLLED LA PRENSA, BELAUNDE WAS DETAINED BY PERUVIAN POLICE AFTER HE CROSSED FRONTIER; HE WAS RETURNED PEACEFULLY TO ECUADOR ABOUT 45 MINUTES LATER. SEPT 1 GOVERNMENT OWNED CRONICA STATED THAT BELAUNDE HAD BEEN EXPELLED FROM ECUADOR FOR MAKING POLITICAL DECLARATIONS.

2. SEPT 1 LA PRENSA REPORTED THAT MILGOV HAD ORDERED PERMANENT DETENTION OF CERTAIN ARRESTED ACCION POPULAR (AP) LEADERS BECAUSE THEY WERE UNABLE TO DEMONSTRATE THAT THEY WERE NOT RESPONSIBLE FOR MIRAFLORES DISORDERS". NEWSPAPERS CITE FOLLOWING AP MEMBERS UNDER ARREST: FORMER SENATOR AND ACTING AP SECRETARY GENERAL RICARDO MONTEAGUDO, MIGUEL ALVA ORLANDINI, SAN MARCOS PHILOSOPHY PROFESSOR FILIPE ALARCO, PRESIDENT BELAUNDE'S COUSIN JOSE TERRY MINTES, AND FORMER BENA LIEUTENANT MAYOR RICARDO BURGA VELASCO.

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3. ON AUG 28, MAKING ITS FIRST APPEARANCE AFTER TWO MONTH BAN, INDEPENDENT BI-WEEKLY CARETAS COMMENTS THAT MILGOV ACTION AGAINST AP HAS GIVEN GREAT PUBLICITY TO HITHERTO FORGOTTEN FOLLOWERS OF BELAUNDE. CARETAS ALSO REMAKRS THAT AUG 71 SHOOTING OF SOVIET AND CUBAN EMBASSIES AS WELL AS ALLEGED EXPLOSION AT PANDERO VOLKSWAGEN (A DEALERSHIP) AND ATTEMPTED FIRE-BOMBING OF TRANSPORT MINISTER MENESES' CAR TOOK PLACE WHILE AP LEADERS WERE UNDER LOCK AND KEY.

4. ON AUG 30, ADDRESSING GUARDIA CIVIL, INTERIOR MINISTER RICHTER STERNLY WARNED "HIDDEN INSTIGATORS OF COUNTER-REVOLUTION" THAT GOVERNMENT HAD "DECIDED IRREVOCABLY TO STOP AND DESTROY ANY EFFORT OF AGGRESSION OR DISORDER, WITH THE TYPE OF ACTION DEMANDED BY THE CIRCUMSTANCES". HE WARNED THAT THE "COWARDLY HIDDEN INTELLECTUAL AUTHORS" OF THE MIRAFLORES TROUBLES WOULD BE DEALT WITH ENERGETICALLY BY PERUVIAN JUSTICE.

5. COMMENT: APPARENTLY, MILGOV REMAINS INTENT ON BLAMING BELAUNDE'S ACCION POPULAR PARTY FOR MIRAFLORES RIOTS, IF NOT FOR SUBSEQUENT TERRORIST ACTS.
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